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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Wylie Firefighters Ask Citizens to Fill the Boot for MDA** *WFR Hopes to Give Muscle Disease the Boot*

**Wylie, Texas, April 12, 2017** – Members of Wylie Fire Rescue are teaming up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and will hit the streets May 10, 11 and 12 between 4 and 5 pm for the annual Fill the Boot fundraising campaign.

“With the help of our generous citizens we hope to surpass previous years’ collections” said Firefighter Eric Owens. “I know Wylie will once again pull together and overflow our boots to help children suffering from neuromuscular disease.”

Firefighters will be passing the boot in Wylie at the intersections of S. Birmingham and Kirby; McCreary and Riverway; and WA Allen and Brown.

Funds raised by WFR and departments throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex will benefit thousands of families who are affected by neuromuscular disease. Fill the Boot helps fund local MDA programs and services, including clinical visits and support groups; provides assistive medical equipment; and sponsors MDA summer camp opportunities for children. MDA has invested more than \$14 million in research funding in Texas.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat more than 43 neuromuscular diseases through global research, comprehensive client services and health education. MDA clinics serving the DFW area include the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Children’s Medical Center of Dallas, Texas Neurology, Cook Children’s Medical Center in Fort Worth and Neurology Associates of Arlington.

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About Wylie Fire Rescue – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. Wylie Fire Rescue is one of only 13 departments in the state and 56 in the country with the top Public Protection Classification, ISO-1, given by the Insurance Services Office. The PPC rating is used to measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection in a community.